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PREVENTION OF INDUSTRIAL POLLUTION IN KARNATAKA
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the two major issues discussed by the Union Minister with the State Government of Karnataka on September 16, 2002 were the slow progress in the implementation of National River Conservation Directorate (NRCD) projects and Karnataka State Pollution Control Board`s (KSPCB) inability to exploit IT in preventing industrial pollution;

(b) if so, the details of outcome of the discussion held; and

(c) the extent to which these projects are likely to be implemented with the Union Government`s help?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMRNT & FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) With regard to the slow progress of implementation of works under National River Conservation Plan (NRCP), the Karnataka Government has constituted Monitoring Committees at the level of Divisional Commissioners.Karnataka Government also informed that land problems at Davangere and Shimoga have since been resolved. With regard to projects of conservation of lakes in and around Bangalore city, it was decided that Karnataka Government would submit the proposals to Government within two weeks. However, these proposals have not been received so far except that of Lal Bagh Lake. All these proposals would be considered in one lot depending upon the pollution status of the lakes and availability of funds under the Plan.

The projects of Karnataka State sanctioned under NRCP during the 9th Plan are being implemented with 100% Central assistance. However, the projects sanctioned during the 10th Plan i.e. Environment Action Plan of Bangalore at a cost of Rs. 46.27 crore will be implemented on cost sharing in the ratio of 70:30 between Government of India and State Government.The four projects of conservation of lakes sanctioned by Government under the National Lake Conservation Plan at an estimated cost of Rs. 12.32 crore will also be implemented on cost sharing in the ratio of 70:30 between Government of India and State Government.

Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) is already implementing a project on Information Technology/Geographica Information System with the World Bank assistance of Rs. 4.72 crore for prevention of industrial pollution.Government has released an amount of Rs. 4.61 crore for implementation of this project to KSPCB.